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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(iii), applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated September 12, 2006. Applicants have authorized the Commissioner to charge payment of the Extension fee. With the extension, a response is due on or before January 12, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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